

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the applications are claims 1, 2, 3, 4 5. and 6-18. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled and combined with currently amended claim 1. New claims 19-22 are presented herewith.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has made no objection to the Specification. Therefore, no changes are made thereto.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has accepted the drawings as submitted with the original application. Therefore, no amendments are made thereto.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS 102 AND 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 9, 10, 11 and 14 under 35USC §102 and claim 16 under 35 USC §103.

These rejections are respectfully traversed. Nevertheless, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner and is believed to be allowable over the cited patent. The other claims in the application (except new independent claim 22) depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-8, 12, 13, 14 17 and 18 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the contents of claim 2 and allowable claim 5 wherein claim 1 is believed to be allowable. As noted above, with the exception of new independent claim 22, the other claims in the application

depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 19, 20 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

New claim 22 is an independent claim which incorporates, inter alia, the previously allowed material of claim 1 and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

FEES


No additional fees are required inasmuch as the number of claims does not exceed the number of claims for which fees have previously been paid.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as all of the claims currently in the application are believed to be allowable, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the application, a telephone interview with the undersigned Attorney for Applicant is earnestly solicited in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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